

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-3. (canceled)

4. (currently amended) A method of sterilizing a foodstuff packaging material comprising passing the ~~packing~~ packaging material through a dip bath liquid comprising hydrogen peroxide and an effective hydrogen peroxide stabilizing amount of a foodstuff-compatible phosphonic acid, wherein said dip bath liquid comprises from 200 to 500 ppm of said foodstuff-compatible phosphonic acid and said dip bath liquid has previously been used to sterilize the packaging material.

5-6. (canceled)

7. (original) A method according to claim 4, wherein said foodstuff-compatible phosphonic acid is aminotrismethylene phosphonic acid.

8. (previously presented) A method according to claim 4, wherein said dip bath is maintained at a temperature of 80 to 85°C.

9-10. (canceled)

11. (presently presented) A method according to claim 4, wherein the method is conducted in an aseptic packaging plant.

12-13. (canceled)